

Worms That Eat Steel.

For the past two years the German Government has been making inquiries into the life, history and ravages of one of the most remarkable worms known to exist. This wonderful creature, whose gluttonous appetite is only satisfied after a feed on common steel, was first brought into general notice by an article in the *Cologne Gazette* in June, 1887.

For some time preceding the publication of the account mentioned, the greatest consternation existed among the engineers employed on the railway at Hagen, by accidents, which always occurred at the same place, proving that some terrible defect must exist either in the material or the construction of the rails.

The Government became interested and sent a commission to the spot for the purpose of maintaining a constant watch at the spot where the accidents, one of them attended with loss of life, had occurred. It was not, however, until after six months had elapsed, that the surface of the rails appeared to be corroded, as if by acid, to the extent of over 100 yards.

The rail was taken up and broken, whereupon it was found to be literally honeycombed by a thin, thread-like gray worm. The worm is said to be two centimeters in length and about the bigness of a common knitting-needle. It is of a light-gray color, and on the head it carries two little sacs, or glands, filled with a most powerful corrosive secretion, which is ejected every ten minutes when the little demon is lying undisturbed. This liquid, when squirted upon iron, renders that metal soft and spongy and of the color of rust, when it is easily and greedily devoured by the little insect. "There is no exaggeration," says the official report, "in the assertion that this creature is one of the most voracious, for it has devoured thirty-six kilograms of rails in a fortnight."—*St. Louis Republic*.

Answered the Purpose.

Among the official matters which were brought to Clerk of Council Rebarber's attention yesterday was one which will hardly be folded and filed away in the file-boxes, as is the official custom. A small colored boy from Yamacraw, says the *Savannah News*, brought in a piece of pine board about two feet long and two inches wide and tendered it to the clerk.

"I don't want any kindlers," said Mr. Rebarber. "Get out of here."

"But him done tole me I 'ze to gib him to Mistuh 'Barbar."

"Who told you?" asked Mr. Rebarber, suspecting a joke.

"De ossifah."

"What?"

"Yes, sah, de ossifah—de perlees. Him done tole me gib him to Mistuh 'Barbar, and him puts some ritins on him."

Sure enough, an examination disclosed the fact that the policeman had written a message to the clerk on a piece of board, and the message was officially received, and the boy explained that a "colored lady's dog has bit my little sistah dis mornin'," an' de ossifah him say dat 'Mistuh 'Barbar put him on de inflammation doctah."

The affable clerk, with a smile, noted the location, Zubly and Lumber streets, the names of all the parties, and kept the document, as a nucleus for a cabinet of curiosities, and the dog will have a hearing this morning before the Mayor.

Foiled Again.

Bill Collector—You told me to call to-day, sir.

Mr. Slowpay (with deep emotion)—I suppose you heard of the failure of Sure, Cash & Co.'s Bank this morning?

"Yes, a report to that effect was around, but it was all a mistake. A check on that bank is as good as gold."

"Um—please call again,"—*New York Weekly*.

Entirely Helpless to Health.

The above statement made by Mrs. S. H. Ford, wife of Gen. Ford, can be vouched for by nearly the entire population of Cornucopia, Mich., her home for years. She was for two years a terrible sufferer from rheumatism, being confined to her bed most of the time, her feet and limbs being so badly swollen she could scarcely move. She was induced to try a bottle of Hibbard's Rheumatic Syrup. It helped her, and two additional bottles entirely cured her. To-day she is a well woman.

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A PENNSYLVANIA Railroad man says young men are selected as drivers of the locomotives on fast trains because old men do not have the nerve to stand the strain of the terrific speed of these trains, and even the nerviest young man gets afraid of them after a while. Then they get to letting up a little in speed, the trains run behind time, the engineers are given other runs, and new men are put on in their places.

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Thimble-Rick.

We have somewhere read of an Englishman who was knighted for introducing wheelbarrows in army intrenchment work, and was known afterward as the "wheel-baronet." A thimble—as any other really useful article—would do credit to a coat-of-arms, though we are not told here that its inventor even mounted it that way.

There is a rich family of the name of Lofting in England, the fortune of whose house was originally founded by such an apparently insignificant thing as the thimble.

The first ever seen in England was made in London less than two hundred years ago by a metal worker named John Lofting. The usefulness of the article commended it at once to all who used the needle, and Lofting acquired a large fortune.

The implement was then called the thimble, as it was worn on the thumb when in use; and its shape suggested the rest of the name. This clumsy mode of utilizing it was soon changed, however, but the name, softening into "thimble," remains.

Hateful Blood Relations.

Hateful kindred are those sprung from the parent stem—malaria. They are chills and fever, bilious remittent fever, dumb ague, and ague cake. These foes to bodily peace are all blood relations, as there is no doubt that these endemic complaints are produced by contamination of the blood, by the miasma existent in both air and water in malarious regions. Hostetter's Stomach Bitter expels from the blood the virus with which malaria infects, but it does more than this; it neutralizes the atmospheric and aqueous poison and its germs before they have permanently fructified in the system, and thus effectually protects it against the fierce inroads of this diabolic brotherhood of diseases. Thus it is not only a remedy, but also a preventive, prompt in relieving, lasting in effect, perfectly efficient. Nervousness, biliousness, dyspepsia, and kidney trouble also succumb to it.

Lessons of Experience.

Anxious mother—My son, that young lady you admire knows nothing about housework.

Son—Well, mother, you know you don't, either.

"True, my son. Your father's brother, however, married a girl who did, and the money she saved was invested in real estate, and they are now living in a brown-stone palace."

"Oh, well, his fortune couldn't all come from that."

"Maybe not, maybe not; but your father and I are living in a rented house and one of our old servant girls owns it."

—*Harper's Bazar*.

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How to See the Wind.

Take a polished metal surface of two feet or more, with straight edge; a large hand-saw will answer the purpose. Take a windy day for the experiment, whether hot or cold, clear or cloudy; only let it not be in murky, rainy weather. Hold your metallic surface at right angles to the direction of the wind—i. e., if the wind is north hold your surface east and west, but instead of holding it vertical incline it about forty-two degrees to the horizon, so that the wind, striking, glances and flows over the edge, as the water flows over a dam. Now sight carefully along the edge some minutes at a sharply defined object, and you will see the wind pouring over the edge in graceful curves. Make your observations carefully and you will hardly ever fail in the experiment; the results are even better if the sun is obscured.—*St. Louis Republic*.

The Remedy for the Influenza.

A remedy recommended for patients afflicted with the influenza is Kemp's Bismuth, the specific for coughs and colds, which is especially adapted to diseases of the throat and lungs. Do not wait for the first symptoms of the disease before securing the remedy, but get a bottle and keep it on hand for use the moment it is needed. If neglected the influenza has a tendency to bring on pneumonia. All druggists sell the Balm.

THE report of a novel wedding incident comes from a village in Fairfax County, Virginia. The wedding cards were issued for the marriage of a gentleman from West Virginia and one of the belles of Fairfax, and a numerous company gathered at the village church, and awaited the coming of the bride and groom. The happy couple came together up the aisle with ushers and attendants, and on their arrival at the altar arranged themselves in front of the minister, who read not the marriage service, but a certificate that the bride and groom were married on the 2d of November last, and so had been man and wife for two months. There was first surprise and then congratulations. The wedding feast was spread and enjoyed by a numerous company.

WHAT is regarded as next to a decisive reason why there must be European peace is the calculation that the mobilization of the French, German, and Russian armies would cost \$100,000,000, and their maintenance in the field would cost \$200,000,000 a month. A war of six months' duration would therefore use up, for these three countries alone, the sum of \$1,300,000,000. Besides that every nation in Europe, including England, would have to arm and hold itself ready, which would cost millions more. These bills are considered too high to be assumed.

MANY hundreds of thousands of francs were lost by the great Louvre establishment in Paris because of the influenza. During the holidays no one would visit the place to buy the mountains of Christmas and New Year's toys, which remain unsold, and will probably be carried over till next year.

The schedule for service by the great guns is thought to be as follows: The 160-ton gun, with good luck, can be fired ninety-five times before becoming unfit for service; the 67-ton gun 127 times; and the 45-ton gun 150 times. The cost of each round for the big one is \$327; for the 67-tonner, \$198; and for the 45-tonner, \$100.

A Puzzling Problem.

A friend asks me to multiply \$5 by \$.55. I do so, and announce the result as \$.25. Now multiply 500 cents, give the answer in cents, pure and simple, not as fractional parts of a dollar. I do so, and am surprised to see the figures climb up to 250,000 cents, which is \$2,500. As \$5 and 500 cents are equivalent the result is puzzling. I cannot be urged that decimal marks should be used. A cent, as such, is as distinct a unit as a dollar, and as the result is to be announced in cents the decimal cannot be pleaded in extenuation of the rather surprising result. But there is clearly something wrong. Can any reader of the *Young People's Department* explain it?—*New York Press*.

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